

India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisations (AIFUCTO) has made a request for constitution of a Pay Review Committee with respect to Teachers in the various sectors of Higher and Technical Education. Similar requests have also been received from the Federation of Central Universities Teachers' Association (FEDCUTA) and Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA).

(b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Progress in establishing USER

1214. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest development in the matter of establishing "Indian Institute of Science Education and Research" (I.I.S.E.R.) at various centres on the model of I.I.Sc. Bangalore;

(b) whether National Committee formed for the selection of locations for the same has submitted its final recommendation;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a grouse among the Southern States that the claims of the South have not been considered favourably by the Committee; and

(d) whether the claim from Tamil Nadu would be favourably disposed on merit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Two Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) at Kolkata and Pune have been set up and academic session has commenced from August, 2006. The Foundation Stone for the third USER at Mohali, Punjab has been laid on 27th September, 2006. Planning Commission has communicated "in principle" approval for setting up two more IISERs in Thiruvananthapuram and Bhopal. These Institutes have been set up on the basis of recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SACPM). There is no other proposal presently under consideration of the Government to set up more IISERs in the Country.